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Destroy Confidential Paper Documents at July 13 Shredding Event *Assemblyman Magnarelli and OCRRA invite residents to protect their identity and recycle shredded materials for free*

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Jul. 9, 2019 – Assemblyman Magnarelli and OCRRA encourage residents to bring their confidential documents to the NYS Fairgrounds Brown Parking Lot on July 13 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for secure destruction. The free event is open to Onondaga County residents and does not require registration.

Personal records from a **household** such as medical documents, bank information, tax documents, credit card statements and other items containing account numbers or private details are ideal for drop off. Items containing only your name and address are non-confidential and will not be accepted at the event (e.g., junk mail, magazines, newspapers, etc.)

For video instructions on what is accepted and how to prepare materials, visit www.tinyurl.com/ShreddingPrep.

[Confidata](#), [ProShred](#) and [Simple Shred](#) are donating their time and talent to the event to help residents prevent identity theft and ensure that their shredded paper is recycled. All three are local document shredding companies with mobile shredding vehicles that will shred items onsite.

This free event includes an element of giving back to those in our community fighting Muscle Disease including Duchenne, ALS and Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

Attendees are encouraged to make a voluntary donation to the [Muscular Dystrophy Association](#) (MDA) as they approach the shredding area. Local members of the [National Association of Letter Carriers](#) will be out to collect the donations as part of their 60-year national partnership with the MDA.

100% of the donations will go toward helping local families affected by degenerating muscle disease.

“We want to thank Confidata and Assemblyman Magnarelli for allowing us to raise awareness and funds to support MDA” said Tony Ortega, executive director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Central & Western New York. “NALC Local 134 are dedicated partners to our cause and I am confident that they will fill their satchels with generous contributions to support our local programs.”

Event attendees should:

1. Bring only **confidential** documents generated at home (e.g., tax forms, medical documents, bank information, credit card statements, or other items with account numbers). No phonebooks, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, receipts, hanging file folders, binders, photos, photo albums will be accepted. *Materials from businesses are not accepted at the event.*
2. Pack confidential documents loosely, in cardboard boxes. **Five box limit per vehicle (~150 pounds total). Boxes should be medium-sized and easy to lift to keep attendees and staff safe from lifting injuries.** Do not bring items in plastic bags. Remove binders or other non-paper contaminants; paperclips, staples and window envelopes are acceptable.
3. Enter the Brown Parking Lot of the NYS Fair from State Fair Boulevard, across the street from Gates 3 and 4.
4. Stay in their vehicle, but make sure their trunk / back doors are unlocked and easy for staff to open quickly; staff unloads all vehicles.

“Shred-o-Rama is a wonderful opportunity to responsibly dispose of household confidential documents for free,” said New York State Assemblyman William Magnarelli. “My office is proud to partner with OCRRA once again for this event which ensures that our community has the opportunity to discard sensitive documents by shredding and recycling responsibly.”

Since OCRRA started hosting shredding events in 2004, more than 1.3 million pounds of personal papers have been safely shredded and recycled.

*Workplaces in need of shredding services should visit www.OCRRA.org or contact a shredding service.

About OCRRA: *OCRRA is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation created by the New York State Legislature in 1990 to deliver a comprehensive solid waste management and resource recovery system to Onondaga County residents. OCRRA’s system includes: a strong recycling and composting program, a foundation for local waste disposal at the Waste-to-Energy Facility, two convenient trash and recycling drop off sites, a robust education component and programs for hard to manage materials, such as household hazardous waste, batteries, fluorescent bulbs and other mercury-containing devices. OCRRA’s award-winning programs are funded by trash drop-off fees and the sale of electricity generated at the Waste-to-Energy Facility in Jamesville, NY. Learn more and get involved at www.OCRRA.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#).*

About the MDA: *MDA is leading the fight to free individuals — and the families who love them — from the harm of muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscle-debilitating diseases that take away physical strength, independence and life. We use our collective strength to help kids and adults live longer and grow stronger by finding research breakthroughs across diseases, caring*

for individuals from day one and empowering families with services and support in hometowns across America. Visit www.mda.org to learn more or donate.

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